

EXECUTIVE ORDER

FIRE RESTRICTION

Pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 1005 (C) (12), the President of the Navajo Nation has the authority to issue executive orders for the purpose of implementing statutes of the Navajo Nation. Pursuant to 17 N.N.C. § 2701, upon the advice of the Navajo Forestry Department, the President of the Navajo Nation may order any area of Navajo Nation land closed to entry by the general public because of the danger of fire.

This Executive Order is being issued upon the advice of the Navajo Nation Forestry Department in preparation for high fire danger due to a combination of inadequate precipitation, high wind conditions, high temperatures and low humidity. Therefore, to protect the valuable Navajo Nation's forest and woodland resources, **I hereby issue this Executive Order of Fire Restriction.**

The following uses within Navajo Nation forest and woodlands are **PROHIBITED**:

1. Building, maintaining and attending to **ALL** open (wood and charcoal) fires, including personal use fires (i.e. campfires, family reunions, trash burning, etc.); and
2. Open burning of cropland, fields, rangeland, livestock branding, debris, weeds, etc;
3. Using a firearm and incendiary devices, without a valid permit; and
4. Operating, using internal or external combustion engines (i.e. chainsaws) without a spark arrestor; and
5. Smoking of cigarettes, pipes, cigars and any other material; and
6. Miscellaneous includes but not limited to, welding or operating acetylene or other torch device with an open flame.

The following uses are allowed:

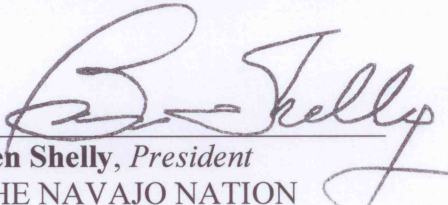
1. Propane, Gas or Other petroleum fueled stoves will be allowed **ONLY** in developed recreation areas.
2. Ceremonial fires that are properly permitted by the Navajo Nation Environmental Agency (NNEPA) through a Navajo Nation EPA Burn Permit, five (5) days prior to the Ceremony. To obtain a Burn Permit, please contact Navajo Nation EPA Air Quality (928) 729-4156.


I remind the public that possessing, discharging, manufacturing, sale or use of FIREWORKS or other pyrotechnic device is unlawful on the Navajo Nation under 17 N.N.C. § 2733.

Any person or parties found guilty of violating the provisions of this EXECUTIVE ORDER of FIRE RESTRICTION will be fined and may be required to pay restitution to the Navajo Nation the full cost of fire suppression and/or fair market value of the timber/woodlands and improvements destroyed or damaged by a fire.

Report any wildland fires to the B.I.A. Fire Dispatch at (928) 729-2307. If there are any questions pertaining to this Order, please call the Navajo Forestry Department at (928) 729-4007.

This ORDER of FIRE RESTRICTION is effective June 12, 2014.


Ben Shelly, President
THE NAVAJO NATION


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